

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 4-17 as follows. All pending claims are presented below.

- 1 1. (Original) A method for threading e-mail messages, the method
2 comprising:
3 receiving an e-mail message;
4 determining that the e-mail message is related to an e-mail thread, the e-mail
5 thread containing at least one existing e-mail message and including an
6 associated thread header;
7 associating the received e-mail message with the e-mail thread; and
8 updating a persistent thread header associated with the e-mail thread to
9 include information derived from the attributes of the received e-mail
10 message.
- 1 2. (Original) A system for threading e-mail messages, comprising:
2 a mailbox processor module for receiving e-mails;
3 a mailbox, communicatively coupled to the mailbox processor module, for
4 electronically storing e-mail messages;
5 a threading engine, communicatively coupled to the mailbox processor
6 module, for determining that a received e-mail is related to an existing
7 thread of e-mail messages stored in the mailbox and associating the
8 received e-mail with the existing thread.
- 1 3. (Original) A computer program product for threading e-mail messages, the
2 program product stored on a computer readable medium and adapted to perform the
3 operations of:
4 receiving an e-mail message;

5 determining that the e-mail message is related to an e-mail thread, the e-mail
6 thread containing at least one existing e-mail message and including an
7 associated thread header;
8 associating the received e-mail message with the e-mail thread; and
9 updating a persistent thread header associated with the e-mail thread to include
10 information derived from the attributes of the received e-mail message.

1 4. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the persistent thread header
2 includes a subject of the e-mail thread.

1 5. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the persistent thread header
2 includes an originator of the e-mail thread.

1 6. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the persistent thread header
2 includes indicia of the number of messages in the thread.

1 7. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the persistent thread header
2 includes a time that the e-mail thread was most recently updated.

1 8. (New) The system of claim 2 wherein the threading engine additionally
2 updates a thread header associated with the existing thread.

1 9. (New) The system of claim 8 wherein the thread header includes a subject
2 of the e-mail thread.

1 10. (New) The system of claim 8 wherein the thread header includes an
2 originator of the e-mail thread.

1 11. (New) The system of claim 8 wherein the thread header includes indicia
2 of the number of messages in the thread.

1 12. (New) The system of claim 8 wherein the thread header includes a time
2 that the e-mail thread was most recently updated.

1 13. (New) The computer program product of claim 3 wherein the persistent
2 thread header includes a subject of the e-mail thread.

1 14. (New) The computer program product of claim 3 wherein the persistent
2 thread header includes an originator of the e-mail thread.

1 15. (New) The computer program product of claim 3 wherein the persistent thread
2 header includes indicia of the number of messages in the thread.

1 16. (New) The computer program product of claim 3 wherein the persistent thread
2 header includes a time that the e-mail thread was most recently updated.

1 17. (New) A system for threading e-mail messages, comprising:
2 receiving means, for receiving an e-mail message;
3 determining means, communicatively coupled to the receiving means, for determining
4 that the e-mail message is related to an e-mail thread, the e-mail thread containing at
5 least one existing e-mail message and including an associated thread header;
6 associating means, communicatively coupled to the determining means, for associating
7 the received e-mail message with the e-mail thread; and

8 updating means, communicatively coupled to the associating means, for updating a
9 persistent thread header associated with the e-mail thread to include information
10 derived from the attributes of the received e-mail message.